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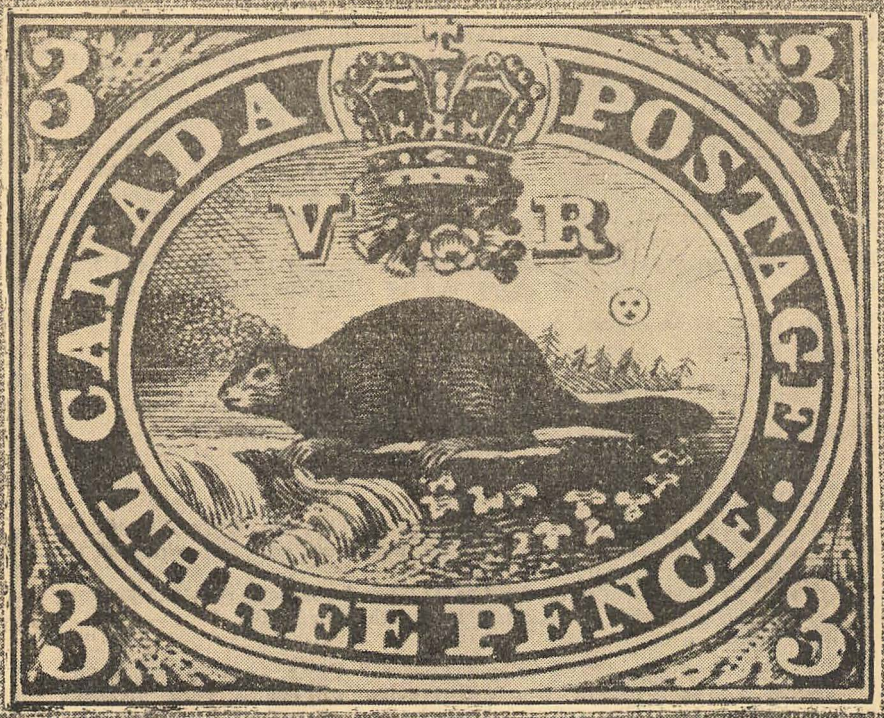

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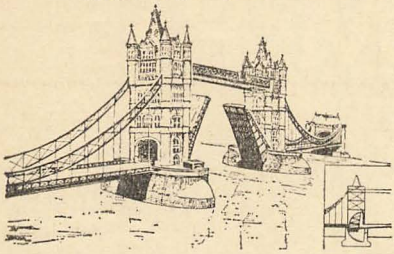
THE BRIDGE SET - -

After two years work, the "Bridge" set of Philatelic Maps is ready and has turned out to be the finest set of all issued so far, thanks to the subject matter used on the backs of these Maps; 72 original drawings of 72 all different types of Bridges.



Tower Bridge, London, one of the earliest and finest examples of a bascule bridge.

Such drawings are used to distinguish the various sets of Maps published. Set No. 4 for example had 72 different types of ships on the backs of the Maps.

The Philatelic Maps in themselves are most useful either to be used as headings in stamp albums or else as a basis for various most interesting types of collections. Printed in 8 to 10 soft pastel colors, 3 in. x 4 in. in size, they have a very attractive appearance. Many collectors are using these for a sort of basic collection, one country to a page with the map plus endless variations such as a cover from that country, an interesting set of stamps, No. 1 stamp issued, etc., etc. 360 different country maps have been published so far; the first set, however, has been sold out completely and a new edition needs to be printed.

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MEANWHILE

our many thanks to all friends who have so kindly written us concerning this tragic loss. Your letters have meant a great deal we can assure one and all—further announcement next month.

AND NOW IT IS YULETIME

So again it is our privilege to wish one and all

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Which is Hope,
The Spirit of Christmas
Which is Peace,
The Heart of Christmas
Which is Love.

L. A. DAVENPORT

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The Third Page

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

to all whom we have learned to know throughout the years that we have published "Popular Stamps"

A FEW GRIPES

We're old fashioned and like to save letters received in the original envelopes they came in. There's an envelope that shows up today with wide sealing place on the flap which leaves a narrow vertical protrusion on each end of the envelope after opening across top with paper knife. When one tries to return letter to this envelope these protrusions have an annoying habit of catching one end or other of the letter as you insert it. Another letter comes in a large oversize envelope. This one either scares us that its a lawyer's letter or raises anticipation that it contains a twenty-dollar ad or other big order and lets us down when it only asks for a free sample copy. And speaking of sample copies we find the cheap way of asking for a sample copy via a post card sees very few of such requests develop into subscriptions. With cheapness mentioned, well, with philately largely a pursuit of thoughtful people don't let yourself down by using the cheapest stationery you can buy. Likely you write to a lot of people you never met. Then make your letter impressive by using good stationery. It's your salesman, and who sends out a salesman to sell hardware or dry-goods that isn't well dressed!

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Cobden, Ont., December, 1950.

U.N. POSTAL PLAN

According to a news story in the New York Times the United Nations General Assembly has unanimously approved a plan to establish a United Nations Postal Administration. Secretary General Trygve Lie has been authorized to sign an agreement with the United States that would put the plan into operation.

The new administration will be set up as from January 1, 1951, but it is not expected that full operation will be possible until next July. The postage stamps will be valid for postage purposes only on mail posted at headquarters in Manhattan. Sale of stamps to collectors is expected to be a chief source of revenue.

MAIL DELIVERED ON SUNDAYS

The 1951 Old Farmer's Almanac, recently published, has this following bit of information:

"Probably the only place in the world where mail is delivered regularly on Sunday is on Manchester Street, up in Manchester, Vt. Here's the story behind it: Abraham Lincoln for some summers stayed in Manchester at the Equinox Hotel, and when he was there his mail was delivered to him on Sundays, just as on week days.

"Manchester Streeters continue the custom as a tribute to him." The Almanac may be had for 25c from Yankee Inc., Dublin, N.H., says "Stamps" magazine of New York City.

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Canada 1935 Silver Jubilee Plate Blocks

By Herman Jacobi Jr.

The plate blocks of Canada form an interesting as well as profitable phase of philately. This is particularly true of this issue, since collectors were not as plate block conscious in 1935 as they are today (1950). In 1935 you had to explain what a plate block was when you asked for them at a post office wicket—today the postal employees are much more enlightened.

One of the things which we learn early in the game is the fact that though all positions of any given plate are printed in equal quantities, this is no guarantee that we shall be able to secure one as easily as the other. Aside from the short printings of certain plates for proper Post Office reasons, such as using a final plate for a short time only; pending production of a new issue; change in government printers, etc; we have several other factors which contribute toward making one position, or plate number, scarcer than the other. Among these may be listed:

A. The shipment of certain positions to communities where there is little philatelic demand, which results in over the counter sales of broken blocks and single stamps until the blocks which were available are sold out—mostly as single stamps to people not interested in stamps at all, from the philatelic standpoint.

B. Hundreds of plate blocks are destroyed by small sub-Post Offices (drug stores, country store offices, etc.) where a drawer is often used for the stamps, and which is divided so as to hold them in strips. In these places any stamps taken from reserve stock are torn into strips, for placing in the sales drawer, thereby "killing" the plate blocks.

C. The "human factor" as to the manner in which post office clerks tear up sheets when selling stamps, whether right or left, or from top or bottom, may have a tendency to favor certain position blocks and sacrifice others.

D. The chance shipment of certain positions, or plates, to different parts of the Dominion, from Ottawa stock, also makes certain plates and positions plentiful in one place and scarce in another. Collectors and dealers can occasionally help each other out by getting together on this angle.

E. Depression conditions, such as existed in 1935, the year of this issue, can also be partly blamed for the dearth of plate blocks available today from this period. The lack of extra money to invest in this issue, at the time, also accounts in many cases, for the collecting of plate blocks of six instead of position corner plate blocks of ten, or sheets. These plate blocks of six give us the so-called "unidentifiable" blocks of today, though a simple means of identifying all plate blocks of six, of this issue, is obtainable by comparing the block of six with corner position blocks of ten or sheets. When the imprint and the stamps of both blocks coincide, the block of six may be identified in that plate and position.

In collecting plate blocks of the Silver Jubilee issue of Canada, Scott's 211-216, three possibilities, broadly speaking exist. One may collect plate blocks of six; corner plate position blocks of ten; or complete sheets in all plates and positions (52 blocks or 48 sheets in all). This variance between the number of blocks and sheets arises out of the fact that #216, the thirteen cent denomination was printed in sheets of 100 (ten by ten) with two plate blocks, right and left, in each sheet of one hundred stamps. (The sheets themselves are referred to as "upper" and "lower" in each plate).

While plate blocks of six are less expensive than the latter two groups, the positions are more difficult to identify. I personally prefer corner position plate blocks of ten since they make a very nice lay-out and tell their respective positions at a glance. These 52 blocks, when complete in first class condition, are a sight to behold and a sound investment in every way.

Sheets, of course, represent plate

block collecting on the grand scale, but have two disadvantages— expense, and the difficulty of proper display and preservation. However, if one succeeds in assembling the 48 sheets required, plus a sheet bearing the "Weeping Princess" variety, in the one cent denomination (which occurs in stamp #21 upper right position, Plate 1, until corrected. the collector is assurred of all the constant varieties which will ever be known of this issue. Since they are located right in the respective sheets, they can also be properly written up as to position in the proper sheets, etc.

The writer is firmly convinced that the collecting of plate blocks of Canada is here to stay. Whether, in its final form, we will continue to collect everything, or just certain groups, such as commemortaves, air mails, and special deliveries, eliminating the endless plates and positions of the commoner stamps, remains to be seen. On the other hand, these commoner stamps, with their many plates and positions, constitute a challenge which lends zest to the chase toward completeness! So, as the old lady said, when she kissed her cow, "Every feller to his notion!" In the beginning at least, positions of the commoner stamps are less expensive than higher values.

Concluding, may I suggest that there is no time like the present to start a Canadian plate block collection? Present blocks are, for the most part, easily obtained, with a little interesting scratching of course. The blocks of the recent past are still reasonably available, and the blocks of the future just call for a measure of alertness in "being on the job" to get them. You will never regret any time or money invested in a fine plate block collection of Canada.

List of Plates and Positions of Canada 211-216

1c green Plate 1, UL, UR, LL, LR. Plate 2 UL, UR, LL, LR.
2c brown Plate 1, UL, UR, LL, LR. Plate 2 UL, UR, LL, LR.
3c carmine Plate 1, UL, UR, LL, LR. Plate 2 UL, UR, LL, LR. Plate 3 UL, UR, LL, LR.
5c blue Plate 1, UL, UR, LL, LR. Plate 2 UL, UR, LL, LR.
10c green Plate 1, UL, UR, LL, LR. Plate 2 UL, UR, LL, LR.
13c dark blue Plate 1, Upper L & R. Lower L & R. Plate 2, Upper L & R. Lower L & R.

Note:—1c, 2c, 5c, and 13c were issued 100 stamps per sheet (ten x ten) 3c and 10c were issued 50 stamps per sheet (5 x 10).

CLOSING OUT ADS

A run of page ads in this issue introduce their offerings as being the last to be offered by the Victoria Stamp Co., London, Ontario. Last month's ad stated that they were closing out the business. With this transpiring there will pass from the Canadian philatelic scene a landmark in the annals of stamp merchandising. Well over fifty years old, many older collectors of today will remember boyhood and later purchases from this firm and will sense a feeling of regret at the passing of an old friend.

We fancy Dr. Holmes, who has long been identified with the firm, will also have sentimental regrets. There have been the friends he has made, memories of the ups and downs in collecting trends, the thrill of acquiring and resale of many notable stamp collections by the firm and interesting to note results throughout the years of the many Canadian stamps picked by the firm which later became leaders. And no doubt a bit of chagrin when some others were missed—because we all miss on some "sleeper" or other. But other interests now require severance from the trade.

Popular Stamps regrets the loss to philately. There are too few definitely and long-time established stamp firms in Canada. Such are needed for leadership. Throughout the years we have seen many dealers come on the scene, then drop out after a year or two. Probably not much different than occurs in other lines, but always beyond stood the old time-proven houses — which is an essential — sort of backbone for the trade. Others no doubt will develop and it will be interesting to note in years to come who among the young dealers of today will be the big dealer of tomorrow.

The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

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#95 5c Edward Background Variety

I've mentioned this interesting variety several times, but have apparently never described it. Bogg's illustrates it on page 352. Instead of the solid color background behind the words "Canada Postage" and behind the centre portion of "Five Cents" the variety shows a faint background, and on close examination, that background seems to be made up of horizontal lines of shading. These are probably "worn plate" varieties, caused by some action of the particular blue ink on the steel plate.

I recently had the good fortune to run across several nice mint copies of this variety, including a few mint blocks. Several readers have recently reported finding used copies of this variety—but so far no one has reported finding a copy of the 5c Re-entry described in the Hollow Tree packet #64.

#96 Western Canada Airways 10c Pink

Have you, like this writer, always had trouble trying to distinguish the first printing of this Semi-Official Airmail stamp, from the later printings? The first, Sanabria #332 is called "pink" while #332a is dull pink, #332b is dark pink. In mint condition the first printing is much the scarcer because they were practically all used on covers. The later printings were those which were left over when Western Canada was taken over by Canadian Airways.

Perhaps I've got the solution—my study of these stamps would indicate that the first printing was on somewhat thicker, stiffer paper. Check yours and see if you agree.

#97 Patricia Airways & Exploration Co. Ltd.—"Official Stamp"

I've always wondered what that fancy script "green cancellation" was that existed on my copy of the unsurcharged 50c green, Sanabria #321. It's tied on a beautiful cover showing a map of the various Patricia Air Service routes. Well, low and behold, checking thru Ian Morgan's 1934 Edition of the "Specialized Catalogue of Canadian Airmail Stamps"—what do I find? That "cancel" is a handstamped surcharge, script initials F.E.D. of the President of the Company, and is listed as an "official"—with 125 the quantity issued. Frankly I had been overlooking this thing for nearly five years!

#98 5c Nova Scotia Mint Block of 8

Did you notice lot #100 of Jim Sissons April auction? It was illustrated. It was a mint lower left corner block of 8 of the 5c Nova Scotia. I believe this to be the largest block known, and was formerly in the Norris collection. It's a grand piece, even though one stamp is damaged. It went reasonably low too—$160.00.

#99 Perf. Initials N-L-Y

The initials are used by the New York Life Insurance Company. If you have been bothered with the minor variations by the appearance of extra perfs showing up in the design,—well these extra punches are for identification of their various branch offices. For example, an extra hole after N, and two extra holes above Y indicate that the stamp came from their Winnipeg office. Some fun!

#100 5c Laurier Plate No. Positions

All I have are the Upper Right Plate Strips, but I notice that plate #1 has the imprint and plate No. over stamps Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, whereas on plates 2 and 3, they are found above stamps 4, 5, 6 and 7. How come?

Buy Yourself a Christmas Present!

This time it's "on-the-house"

This is our last advertisement in this magazine. We have carried page ads. in it since it was taken over by Mr. McCready. Popular Stamps has been a great asset to Canadian Philately over all these years and at that it has generally been a labor of love, we are sure. We have made a host of friends through the years and at this time we want to thank you all. This stamp business was a real hobby and not a hard boiled business. We have enjoyed it immensly and we shall miss its absorbing interest more than words can say, but other interests now demand our attention.

Now we offer you a last chance to do business with us and as you do, it affords us a good reason for the Christmas gifts.

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No buyer can make any mistake in taking advantage to the limit of the great array of bargains offered here. We have more if you care to write us. Then too, just think of those wonderful gifts we are sending. These 3 premium offers above do not "overlap."

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75	Different	$ .25	500	Different	$ .50
100	Different	.75	1000	Different	1.00
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1 Sheet of British Empire stamps retailing at 2c each, alphabetically arranged ..... .40
1 Set of 14 Ukrania stamps ..... .25
1 Set of Thessaly octagon stamps (Genuine) not the fakes that have been offered for years by dealers ..... .50
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1 Set complete of Mauritius Centenary ..... .45
1 Set complete of Channel Islands ..... .15
1 Set complete of Australia Victory ..... .30

Regular marked price of this selection is $3.47. You may have the lot for $2.00. You could not even equal this offer anywhere. So order this lot today and ask for others to be sent on approval. If you have preferences, please state and we will surely do our best to make you happy.

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This is your chance to buy a complete set of panes. Special offer for the collection $275.00 or only $75.00 for the collection without the three rare ones. Individual items 10% off, special Christmas discount.

Scott No.									
77b	2c	Carmine	(6)	$90.00	197a	3c	Carmine	(4)	4.00
90b	2c	Carmine	(6)	95.00	217a	1c	Green	(4)	11.00
105a	1c	Yellow	(4)	3.00	217b	1c	Green	(6)	.60
104a	1c	Green	(6)	.40	218a	2c	Brown	(4)	11.00
105b	1c	Yellow	(6)	1.00	218b	2c	Brown	(6)	1.25
106a	2c	Carmine	(6)	.40	219a	3c	Carmine	(4)	1.25
107b	2c	Green	(4)	2.50	231a	1c	Green	(4)	.85
107c	2c	Green	(6)	30.00	231b	1c	Green	(6)	.20
108b	3c	Brown	(4)	7.50	232a	2c	Brown	(4)	.85
109a	3c	Carmine	(4)	1.50	232b	2c	Brown	(6)	.35
149a	1c	Orange	(6)	.40	233a	3c	Carmine	(4)	.30
150a	2c	Green	(6)	.80	249a	1c	Green	(4)	.50
153a	5c	Violet	(6)	10.00	249b	1c	Green	(6)	.10
163a	1c	Green	(4)	12.50	249c	1c	Green	(3)	.06
163c	1c	Green	(6)	3.00	250a	2c	Brown	(4)	.50
164a	2c	Green	(6)	1.00	250b	2c	Brown	(6)	.45
165b	2c	Carmine	(6)	.90	251a	3c	Carmine	(4)	.20
166a	2c	Brown	(4)	12.00	252a	3c	Mauve	(4)	.20
166c	2c	Brown	(6)	1.75	252b	3c	Mauve	(3)	.15
167a	3c	Carmine	(4)	2.50	254a	4c	Carmine	(6)	.35
195a	1c	Green	(4)	8.50	252c	3c	Mauve	(6)	.30
195b	1c	Green	(6)	7.50	254b	4c	Carmine	(3)	.18
196a	2c	Brown	(4)	8.50	254c	4c	Carmine (Xmas)	(6)	.40
196b	2c	Brown	(6)	1.10	C9a	7c	Blue	(4)	.45

Victoria Stamp Company

LONDON 23, LONDON, ONTARIO.

Pioneer Air Mail

These stamps were issued under strict government control and in most cases only a small quantity was printed. Collectors would do well to buy at today's low prices. We try to carry a full range of them but that is not always possible. We can offer today—

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Obituary

HENRY ADES FOWLER

It is with regret that we have to report the death, on November 11th, of Mr. Henry Ades Fowler, of Hartford, Mich., who passed away suddenly from a heart ailment from which he had suffered for the last few years. Aged 76 he had been interested in philately for over 55 years. He was noteworthy and best known to Canadians for publishing of the Canadian Journal of Philately at Toronto in 1893. This was possibly the de luxe publication among Canadian stamp magazines and though only running for two issues it is today one of the most prized and scarce items sought after by collectors of Canadian philatelic literature.

He was also a great admirer of the story of sailing ships, particularly the square rigged ship and had quite a nautical library as well as one of philatelic literature. His stamp holdings were also considerable and will be marketed in due course. Of late years he spent the summers at "Maple Leaf Farm" which he owned near Hartford, Mich., and took great delight in it and the fruits of its orchards. During the winter he and Mrs. Fowler resided in Chicago.

The funeral service was held at Hartford and the body taken to Chicago for cremation. At a later date the ashes will be interred in the family plot in St. James cemetery, Toronto, arrangements for which were made by the late Mr. Fowler on a visit to that city three years ago.

T.S.C. CLUB NOTES

At their meeting of November 16, the Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club had as their guest speaker, Mr. Herbert L. Warren of Cobourg, Ontario. Goodwin R. Harris in introducing him stated that he was a retired Montreal Textile manufacturer now residing in Cobourg and happily spending his leisure time with the hobby of stamp collecting.

Mr. Warren, who is a good speaker, had as his subject, Canada Plate Blocks, the collecting of which he presented in a most interesting manner. He advised a beginner to concentrate on recent issues and work backwards to about 1927. He mentioned many of the difficult positions and those which he had found impossible to get. These were among the Royal Visit Issue. The collecting of plate blocks in Canada was in its infancy and that the future held great possibilities for it. As the collector in small places were limited in the positions of the blocks which could be obtained from their local post office, he would advise joining the Plate Block Study Group. He also gave a survey of perforated and overprinted OHMS stamps, the collecting of which has become very popular among collectors. He answered many questions from members present. Clare Jephcott who, along with W. J. Scott, was greatly praised by Mr. Warren on their remarkable research in the field of plate blocks as published in Weekly Philatelic Gossip.

RUSH? SURE! IT'S THE POST OFFICE FOR SERVICE

Belfast's Postmaster recently received a cover containing a letter addresed to a Mr. Ivor Rush with a snapshot of two men (as address) attached. The lady who sent it wrote "When this letter will reach you, you'll surely be surprised . . . This summer I did meet two nice Irish boys from Belfast. I did make a picture . . . but unfortunately I lost their address. Now I come to you to ask you if it is possible for you to look after my letter looking for the right Rush. I hope there are not too many Rushes to bring troubles." There weren't. A member of the postal staff recognized one of the men, and now the Dutch girl who met the "Irish boys" in Switzerland knows their addres once more. I wonder if the Postmaster may be asked to a wedding later? — Stamp Mirror, Slough, Bucks, England.

NEW STAMP, PERHAPS

There's a rumor getting into print that a new set of Canadian stamps from 1c to 5c will be brought out next year because portraits of the King used in present issue do not adapt well to a postage stamp.

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218	2c Brown	.03	(8)	.35
219	3c Carmine	.05	(8)	.60
220	4c Yellow	.15	(6)	1.25
221	5c Blue	.08	(6)	.75
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232	2c Brown	.08		.40
233	3c Red	.05		.30
234	4c Yellow	.15		.90
235	5c Blue	.08		.50
236	8c Orange	.12		.70
237	3c Carmine	.06		.30
241	10c Red	.15		.90
242	13c Halifax	.20		1.00
243	20c Fort Garry	.30		1.50
244	50c Vancouver	.65		4.00
245	$1 Chateau	1.25		6.50
246	1c Royal Visit	.06		.50
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254	4c Carmine	.05	.30
255	5c Blue	.07	.40
256	8c Brown	.12	.60
257	10c Brown	.15	.75
258	13c Tank	.45	2.25
259	14c Tank	.20	1.00
260	20c Chocolate	.25	1.25
261	50c Violet	.65	3.00
262	$1 Blue	1.25	6.00
268	8c Brown	.12	.60
269	10c Olive	.14	.70
270	14c Dam	.20	.90
271	20c Slate	.25	1.25
272	50c Green	.65	2.75
273	$1 Ferry	1.25 (4)	5.00
274	4c Bell	.09	.60
275	4c Citizen	.08	.50
276	4c Princess Eliz.	.08	.50
277	4c Respt. Govt.	.06	.35
282	4c Newfoundland	.06	.35
283	4c Halifax	.06	.35
296	50c Oilfields	.65	3.00
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290	2c Brown	.04	.40
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293	5c Blue	.10	.75
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E11	10c S.D. 1946	.15 (4)	.75
CE1	16c S.D.A.M.	.25 (4)	1.25
CE2	17c S.D.A.M.	.25 (4)	1.25
CE3	17c Error	.50 (4)	3.00
CE4	17c Corrected	.25 (4)	1.25

	NEWFOUNDLAND	Single	Plate Block
253	1c Grey	.02(4)	.12
254	2c Green	.03	.15
255	3c Carmine	.05	.30
256	4c Blue	.10	—
257	5c Violet	.07	.45
258	7c Blue	.10	—
259	8c Red	.11	.70
260	10c Brown	.15	.90
261	14c Black	.20	1.20
262	15c Violet	.20	1.20
263	20c Green	.30	1.60
264	24c Blue	.35	2.00
265	25c Slate	.35	2.00
266	48c Brown	.60	4.00
267	30c Carmine	.40	2.25
268	2c on 30	.15	—
269	4c Blue	.06	.30
270	5c Violet	.08	.40
C19	Airmail	.10	.60

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Bahamas Special Delivery, Used in Canada

By M. W. Cryderman

An arrangement was concluded late in 1915 between the Canadian and Bahamas governments to reciprocate special delivery services at various post offices in each country. The Colonial Postmaster at Nassau, Bahamas, sent 600 special delivery stamps to the Canadian Post Office. These stamps were distributed to the Ottawa, Toronto, Westmount and Winnipeg Post Offices. One authority says they were to facilitate correspondence between Canadian forces stationed in Bahamas and the homeland. Another states that it was for the benefit of Canadian tourists holidaying in the Bahamas Islands. Perhaps the real reason was that an influential philatelist persuaded the Colonial Postmaster at Nassau to make these arrangements. A substantial number of covers bearing these stamps went to the originator of the idea but very few went to Canadian tourists or troops.

The monthly supplement for February, 1916, states:

"At the request of the Colonial Postmaster of Nassau, an arrangement has been made for the exchange of special delivery stamps with the Bahamas, and a limited supply of 5-penny stamps has been received from Nassau to be distributed among Canadian Postmasters for use on letters addressed to that country for special delivery."

And again:

"A letter posted in Canada, intended for special delivery at Nassau, must bear one of these stamps, in addition to the necessary Canadian postage and war tax."

On May 2, 1928, the Canadian Post Office Department answered an inquiry concerning these stamps as follows:

"The action which was taken in this case by the Bahamas Post Office involved this Department in a number of inquiries which were somewhat difficult to answer for the reason that a complete answer could not be given without an apparent criticism of another Postal Administration."

The stamp remitted to Canada was the 1901 Bahamas 5d orange and black, watermarked Crown and CC, overprinted SPECIAL DELIVERY in two lines in black Roman capitals. They were overprinted at Nassau Guardian Press. As could be expected, the issue is replete with double overprints, inverted overprints, double overprints one being inverted, and pairs, one with and one without the overprint. There were sixty stamps in a sheet but only thirty impressions in the setting with which the overprint was done. Thus each sheet had to be put through the press twice. Evidently one sheet of stamps got only one set of overprints and this accounts for the se tenant pairs one with and one without overprints. One of these pairs was actually used on cover. An imperforate variety has been reported and also many forgeries of the various overprints.

A further supply of 6,000 was overprinted at Nassau, of which some are reported to have been sent to Canada. The overprint is slightly different in that the word SPECIAL is a trifle more to the right in relation to the word DELIVERY than it was on the stamps of the original consignment. The orange is brighter and the black is duller.

The Canadian Post Office Department on being appraised of the actual situation, cancelled the agreement with the Bahamas Post Office after 430 of the stamps had been sold. No information is available as to what happened to the remainders.

Cataloguists refuse to notice these stamps, but, regardless of the circumstances surrounding their origin and use, they were used by official arrangement in Canada and do have a place in Canadian collections, though only if properly used on cover. There is no proof that all the stamps from the original setting were sent to Canada and but few of the second were sent so there is no way to distinguish between the special delivery stamps sold at Nassau and those sent to Canada except

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Grand River Valley Club 15th Anniversary

The Grand River Valley Stamp Club of Kitchener, Ontario, celebrated their 15th anniversary at a Birthday Party in the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, October 14th. The anniversary marked the re-organization 15 years ago of the Kitchener Stamp Club under its new name.

A bourse of over two dozen stamp dealers opened at 2.30 p.m. with an auction of 50 lots of stamps taking place at 4.00 p.m. Walter Bayley of Toronto was auctioneer.

Philatelists from as far away as Oshawa, Toronto, Thorold, Niagara Falls, London, Windsor and Owen Sound attended. Noteworthy among the visitors were Fred Jarrett, Toronto, L. A. Davenport, Toronto, Gen. Mgr. of Capex, J. R. Cooke, Hickson, Editor and publisher of S.C.E.C. magazine, W. N. Affleck, Oshawa dealer, Vic Crouse, Windsor, and Fred Green, Toronto, both C.P.S. directors, V. G. Walton, Niagara Falls dealer, and many others.

A turkey dinner was served to 120 guests at 6.30 p.m. The president of the Kitchener Club, George T. Vogt, was master of ceremonies and introduced all the past presidents of the Kitchener club namely G. H. Kuhl, Walter Allendorf, Wm. Erbach and Asher R. Borth, immediate past president. Peter Cragnoline of Williamsville, N.Y., Horace Caddick of National City, California and C. Totzki of Kitchener were unable to be present. Messages of congratulations were received from them.

Guest dinner speaker was Dr. L. S. Holmes of London, Ontario, editor and publisher of the Holmes Handbook of British North America stamps. Dr. Holmes spoke of the use of a beaver as the design used for Canada's first postage stamp issued in 1851. He traced the reasons why the beaver was appropriate and gave a history of the part the beaver played in the development of Canada as a nation. Dr. Holmes stressed that we should not be content to collect stamps but that we should also know the story behind them. W. H. E. Schmaltz introduced the speaker and Whitney Bradley thanked him. Both are of Kitchener.

Violin selections by Murray McAdam accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Bruce McAdam, were most enjoyable. Mrs. Charles Forbeck, elocutionist, rendered several entertaining recitations. These talented artists were superb in providing the entertainment.

Those guests who were not from too far distant towns and cities and were able to stay were treated to a showing of Swiss films loaned for the occasion by the Swiss Consulate of Toronto.

Winners of the special draw held in conjunction with the party were: 1st, Mr. L. Day of Brantford who won the 1928 mint Canadian Scroll issue complete. 2nd, Mr. D. A. Oulette of Windsor whose prize was a cpl. mint Universal Postal Union Comm. set from each of the 18 British West Indies Colonies. 3rd, Raymond Ball, Waterloo, won the new cpl. St. Lucia issue. 4th, Mr. H. Stroud of Hamilton won the new cpl. Barbados issue and 5th, Mr. W. Gamble of Brantford won the new cpl. Cayman issue.

Door prizes consisting of Holmes B.N.A. catalogues and the book "Stamps of Fame" by Williams were won by the following: Mr. S. H. Welker, Waterloo; Mr. Frank Ruggle, Waterloo; Mr. Bert Hasler, Brantford; Mr. W. H. . Schmalz, Kitchener and Miss Gwen Ware, London.

Ten additional door prizes were drawn and awards were made to the dinner guests. Each of the ladies present were the recipients of a bottle of perfume through the courtesy of Piries, Waterloo, and Faberge. The men also received souvenirs.

BAHAMAS, etc. From Page 16

by a Canadian postmark.

Check List

1. 5d black and orange overprinted SPECIAL DELIVERY.
   a. inverted overprint
   b. double overprint
   c. double overprint one inverted
   d. pair, one without overprint
   e. imperforate
2. 5d bright orange and grey black.

References: Jarrett, Gisburn, Canadian Post Office Department.

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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Sketch 293.—Canada Scott's 108, the 3c issue of 1918 with missing pearl in crown. Sent us by R. L. Cooke.

Sketch 294.—Canada Scott's CE3, with flaw in numeral "7" at right. Sent us by Capt. McGuigan.

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NEW ZEALAND — 2 values, the new Health, Princess and Prince Charles.

TONGA—3 values Birthday issue.

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DENMARK — 1 value Children's Charity.

ICELAND — 8 values, Pictorials and 2 values Comm. Bishop Arason.

JAPAN — 4 values Athletic meeting.

PORTUGAL — 6 values St. Jones Commemorative.

SPAIN — 8 values Centenary of 1st stamp.

URUGUAY — 3 values Bicentenary issue.

Mostly About Plate Blocks

By "Scotia"

I am indebted to Mr. R. J. Duncan, the librarian of the British North America Philatelic Society for the opportunity to read an article by Mr. K. Hamilton White, on "Canadian Plate Numbers, their Philatelic Value and Scarcity," which appeared in the British Columbia Philatelic Society Annual Review for 1938. This article was one of the most interesting I have seen and its comparatively early date makes it even more so. I cannot resist quoting as follows:

"What wild music on Pan's pipes could have prompted a sober, hard-working business man to leave the fields he knew and embark on the mad, wild escapade of collecting plate numbers?"

He discusses early issues and works down to 1935, when as he says, "there was a sad side slip" and goes on. In the 1937 issue of King George VI, the plate collector's dream came true. One is possibly permitted to ponder whether the Canadian postal authorities did not pay monetary heed to the vast and growing army of plate collectors to the Santa of us, a wonderful field of future possible revenue with encouragement such as this."

I found especially interesting his comment on a pet project of my own, a plate block catalog. He says: "There is still a great mass of evidence to be collected and carefully sifted before a text book could be issued covering the whole range of Canadian plate numbers from earliest days to date."

This is still true, but I am glad to report that progress is being made. A plate block collector's group has been formed under the auspices of the BNAPS with the eventual object of producing a catalog. I hope that any interested reader will get in touch with me about this project. If not already a member of BNAPS, he might well consider joining, in order to share in the harvest of knowledge which the group hopes to harvest.

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104-05	10s & 1£	2v	5.40	6.00
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B24-25	1944	2v	.15	.15
B26-27	1945	2v	.12	.12
B28-29	1946	2v	.12	.12
B30-31	1947	2v	.12	.12
B32-33	1948	2v	.12	.12
B34-35	1949	2v	.11	.11
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In the Philatelic Exhibition held by the R.A. Stamp Club in Ottawa in November, Mr. Hans Reiche won the Grand Prize with an entry of Geo. V Admiral issue cataloguing about five dollars. The award recognized Mr. Reiche's specialized study and original research in the Admiral issue and which was evidenced in the exhibit.

Reading over a printing of an early section of this issue we note that Christmas thoughts must have been on the printer's mind when setting the third paragraph of Scotia's Plate Block article. Where it should have said "to the South of us" there appears "to the Santa of us". And the proof reader missed it, too!

Mr. Cooke of the Stamp Collectors Exchange Club, Hickson, Ont., wishes to make known that a club of the same name in Toronto is in nowise connected with the organization which he operates, or the magazine he publishes.

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The imitation coin made of aluminum, copper colored, is designed similarly to the official one, except that it carries the inscription "Chanukah Gelt—R. S. K. S.," and the symbol, a palm tree, is reversed.

These imitation coins have no value whatsoever, as a monetary unit or as a collector's item.

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